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E.O. 12065: GDS 4-22-36 (SALMON, CHARLES) HA
TAGS: SHUM, EFIN, AR

SUBJECT: U. S. OPPOSITION TO LOAN FOR ARGENTINA

REF: A) 78 STATE 15725

1. ENTIRE TEXT

2. THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY HAS INSTRUCTED THE U. S. DIRECTOR TO THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK TO ABSTAIN ON HUMAN RIGHTS GROUNDS ON A \$90 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN TO ARGENTINA ENTITLED RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS. THE LOAN IS NOT DESIGNED TO MEET BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. THE VOTE BY THE BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 30.

3. AS PART OF THE CONSULTATION PROCESS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL, ACTION EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS IN A MANNER AND AT A LEVEL THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE OF U. S. DECISION FOR THEIR REFERENCE WHEN CONSIDERING THEIR POSITION ON THE PROJECT.

4. THE U. S. IS OPPOSING BY ABSTENTION DUE TO CONTINUING HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN ARGENTINA. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN A DECLINE IN THE SCALE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, THE STATUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS REMAINS A MATTER OF DEEP CONCERN TO THE

U. S. GOVERNMENT. KEY AREAS OF CONCERN INCLUDE:

-- THE APPROXIMATELY 1,300 PERSONS STILL BEING HELD UNDER EXECUTIVE DETENTION, SOME FOR THREE OR FOUR YEARS AND WITHOUT ANY CHARGES BEING PRESSED.

-- GENERAL LACK OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY.

-- DELAYS IN THE RIGHT OF OPTION PROGRAM, WHICH ALLOWS QUALIFIED PRISONERS TO CHOOSE SELF EXILE IN LIEU OF CONTINUED DETENTION. AS A RESULT OF GOA ACTION, FEWER THAN 50 PERSONS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE U.S. HEMISPHERIC PAROLE PROGRAM, OUT OF THE 500 PROVIDED FOR IN U.S. LEGISLATION.

-- LACK OF PROGRESS IN ACCOUNTING FOR THE DISAPPEARED.

-- CONTINUING THOUGH REDUCED PROBLEMS IN INTEGRITY OF THE PERSON.

5. WE NEED TO SEE FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ABOVE AREAS OF CONCERN BEFORE WE CAN CHANGE OUR VOTING POSITION IN THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

6. FYI. THE REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, BASED ON ITS SEPTEMBER 1979 ON-SITE INVESTIGATION, WAS PUBLISHED APRIL 19. ITS FINDINGS ARE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. VANCE

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